

HIS
MAJESTY'S
MOST GRACIOUS
LETTER

To His Government of the MASSATHUSETS COLONY in NEW-ENGLAND.

WILLIAM R.

Trusty and well-beloved, WEE Greet you well.

WHEREAS WEE are informed by several Addreses from Our Colony of the *Massachusetts Bay*, and particularly by the Address coming to Us in the Name of *The Governour and Council and Convention of the Representatives* of the People of Our said Colony, That they had most joyfully received the Notice of Our happy Accession to the Throne of these Kingdoms, and caused the Proclamation thereof to be issued throughout Our said TERRITORY; WEE have thereof thought fit hereby to signify Our Royal *Approbation* of the same, and Gracious *Acceptance* of your Readiness in performing what was necessary on your parts for the Preservation of the Peace and Quiet of Our said COLONY.

And Whereas you give Us to understand that you have taken upon you the present Care of the Government until you should receive Our Orders therein, WEE do hereby *Authorize and Impower* you to *Continue* in Our Name your Care in the Administration thereof and Preservation of the Peace, until WEE shall have taken such Resolutions, and given such Directions for the more orderly Settlement of the said GOVERNMENT as shall most conduce to Our Service and the Security and Satisfaction of Our Subjects within that Our Colony. And so WE bid you Fare-well.

Given at Our Court at *White-Hall* the 12th day *August* 1689.
in the first year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Shrewsbury.



To such as for the time being take care for Preserving the Peace
and Administring the Laws in Our Colony of the *Massachusetts Bay*
in New-England, in America.

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